



## COLT seals new contract with HR Access

### **COLT delivers enhanced hosting infrastructure for HR software specialist**

3 June 2008 – COLT, a leading European provider of business communications, today announced it has extended its collaboration with HR software specialist, HR Access, under a new contract that will see COLT deliver a newly designed customer platform for its portfolio of outsourced HR services.

HR Access delivers a complete set of HR solutions to businesses around the world, managing all aspects of Personnel Administration, Time and Attendance, Payroll processing and Talent Management. The company is evolving from software licensing to an outsourced model in response to business demand for greater flexibility and quality in their HR services.

With this contract COLT will provide a new standard operating platform that is designed to be very scalable and to offer optimum business continuity as it is hosted across two COLT data centres in London and Paris. It will support HR Access customers across the EMEA region. The platform will be fully managed by COLT, who will provide the full hosting, network connectivity and operating environment for the HR Access services.

“It is critical that we partner with a market-leading infrastructure provider who can offer the very high service levels our customers expect,” said Michel Picaud, President and CEO, HR Access EMEA. “We looked across the market at different providers, and COLT stood apart in terms of its very high-grade data centre and network capabilities, as well as its highly skilled team. COLT is committed to building a long-term relationship with us.”

“A highly secure hosting environment is absolutely critical to providing outsourced services and we are delighted HR Access has signed with us once again,” said Detlef Spang, UK Managing Director at COLT. “The new platform will give businesses the flexibility of outsourcing, together with the peace of mind of service reliability. The software as a service model will go from strength to strength in the next few years and we intend to be at the forefront of all developments using our networked data centres and related managed services.”

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**About COLT**

COLT is a leading European provider of business communications. COLT specialises in providing data, voice and managed services to major businesses, SMEs and wholesale customers. COLT owns and operates a 13-country, 25,000km network that includes metropolitan area networks in 34 major European cities with direct fibre connections into 15,000 buildings and 18 COLT data centres.

COLT Telecom Group S.A. is listed on the London Stock Exchange (COLT). Information about COLT and its services can be found at [www.colt.net](http://www.colt.net).

**About HR Access**

**HR Access** was founded in October 2003 following the acquisition of the HR Access software vendor business by Fidelity Investments. European leader in the field of Human Resources Management, the company has more than 760 employees based in France, Spain, Germany, UK, Belgium, Italy, Ireland, Switzerland, Morocco and Tunisia. HR Access designs, develops and markets its application based solutions and provides a complete service offer covering all its customers needs such as Outsourcing and HR Services, implementation, expertise, training and consulting. HR Access solutions are based on 35 years' experience in the HR field and now count 550 customers across 52 countries. Today, more than 12 million employees are managed by HR Access worldwide.

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